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**By Facsimile Transmission to (212) 805-0127**

Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl St., Room 1050  
New York, NY 10007

Re: Viguera v. HHC and Ana Blanco  
08 Civ 3807  
Our File No.: 2008-017638

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

I am an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the office of Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, attorney for defendant, HHC, in the above-referenced action<sup>1</sup>. I write to request that defendants' time to respond to the complaint be extended from May 13, to June 27, 2008. This is defendant's first request for an extension of time. Defendant has been unable to obtain plaintiff's consent to this request, as plaintiff's counsel is on vacation until May 19, 2008.

The requested extension of time is needed to permit a reasonable investigation of the allegations of the complaint. It will permit this office to gather relevant documents, interview potential witnesses, investigate the complaint's numerous allegations of discrimination, and thereafter prepare an appropriate response. It should be noted that the requested extension, if granted by the Court, will not require adjusting any other dates, as the Court has not yet scheduled any additional appearances.

<sup>1</sup> The aforementioned case is not yet assigned to a District Judge. However, the case has been referred to Your Honor, and on May 6, 2008, defendant, HHC, requested that Your Honor preside over the case, as it is related to Viguera v. HHC, 07 Civ 7227, a current matter on your docket.

**HONORABLE ALLAN K. HELLERSTEIN**

United States District Judge

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Accordingly, defendant respectfully requests an enlargement of defendant's time to respond to the complaint from May 13, to June 27, 2008.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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